



MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Accomplishment Report 2017

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The Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) is a government agency created through Republic Act 9996. It is mandated to promote, coordinate, and facilitate the active and extensive participation of all sectors to effect socioeconomic development of Mindanao. It also acts as the Philippine Coordinating Office (PCOBE) for the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-the Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA), ensuring the active participation of Mindanao and Palawan in the sub-regional economic cooperation.

ABOUT THE COVER. A closer look at the gador, a traditional brassware piece of the Meranaw people, and one can immediately sense the intricate and exquisite hardwork that comes with every curve etched in the vase. Similar to the gador, MinDA's mandate as a government agency also lies in the details. The clamor for a shift to the federal form of government, a trans-regional railway system, the establishment of agri-based ecozones - these are some of the fine details that MinDA is carefully working on to form a grand artwork that we can all take pride from.

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As long as it has the **right infrastructure, and a sound business environment**, Mindanao's abundant resources and hardworking people have the **capacity to contribute even more to our country's growth and development.**"

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte
26th Mindanao Business Conference
September 2017

FOREWORD

Greetings from Mindanao, Philippines!

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh!

We are pleased to provide you with Mindanao Development Authority's accomplishments for the year 2017, featuring the flagship programs aligned with the Philippine Development Plan, the country's roadmap for socioeconomic development designed to build a strong foundation for the vision of a Filipino to enjoy a life that is "Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag."

MinDA spearheaded these key programs and projects towards achieving participatory development to ensure that the benefits are equitably shared by all. Moreover, these accomplishments are just among the many testaments of Mindanao's resiliency, amidst one of the most testing times for the island-region. We nonetheless ended the year with a renewed hope for Mindanao and its people, proving that Mindanao truly can rise stronger after any adversity.

Looking back, Mindanao recorded an economic slowdown of 5.6 percent in 2015 from 7.5 percent in 2014. Among the major attributes of this downturn are the challenges in the global market that directly affected the export sector of the island-region. A big factor was the drastic effect of prolonged dry spell that hampered the agriculture, hunting, forestry, and fishing (AHFF) sectors. The episode of power outages felt within the island-region also burdened most of the Services and the Industry sectors.

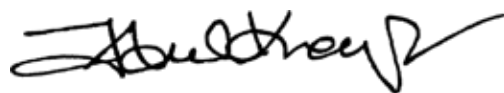
Fast forward to 2017, the Philippine economy grew by 6.9% in the third quarter of the year. This is the fastest growth so far in the last four quarters based on the figures of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). Mindanao continues to mirror this national performance in the 3rd quarter of 2017, even attracting investor interests amidst the standing Martial Law declaration.

But, this is not a time to be complacent. We need to ensure that these figures of development are truly felt on the ground, by the people who need it the most, and not just by one family or corporation.

This accomplishment report exemplifies the role played by MinDA in the attainment of the Mindanao promise. The promise of a fully connected Mindanao through high-quality and encompassing connectivity infrastructure; The promise of a Mindanao that is worthy of investments, through investment and industry-based programs that

promote inclusive growth among the communities, and across the value-chain.

And finally and more importantly, the promise of peace with justice and unity in diversity, where self-determination and mutual respect prevail in a progressive island-region.



SECRETARY DATU H.J. ABUL KHAYR DANGCAL ALONTO

Chairman, Mindanao Development Authority
Philippine Signing Minister to BIMP-EAGA





A photograph of children peeking through a thatched roof made of dried palm fronds. The children are smiling and making peace signs. The background is a close-up of the thatched roof, showing the texture of the dried palm fronds.

CHAPTER ONE:

The Mindanao Dream: Peace with Justice, and Unity in Diversity

Nobody ever wins in a war. This is why we, more than ever, and in spite of all the hardships that we have encountered – must always strive for a just and lasting solution to attain peace in Mindanao.

Children from Lanao del Sur beam radiant smiles along with the hopes of a sustainable, long-lasting, and permanent peace and development in the province and in Mindanao. Photo by Kenny Nodalo

The All-Moro Convention is expected to provide inputs and recommendations on possible legislative measures and constitutional amendment provisions in support to the shift to a federal form of government.



The Shift to a Federal Form of Government

Along this line, MinDA together with the Office of the Executive Secretary, had been directed by the President to lead the convening of the All-Moro Convention, in line with the President's agenda on the systemic shift to a Federal Form of Government.

The All Moro Convention is an inclusive mechanism that will provide a platform for all sectors of Bangsamoro to converge and participate in the national discourse on the systemic shift to a Federal form of government.

The calls for autonomy and self-determination have long since been the clamor of the Mindanawons. As the Mindanao Peace and Development Framework Plan notes that the clamor for these come from a wider base of Mindanao constituents who lament the perceived neglect of Mindanao.

Among other things, it is cited that Mindanawons have been unable to participate in the formulation of policies and decisions with profound effect on the lives of Mindanawons; that budgetary allocations for Mindanao have traditionally been lower than the island region's commensurate share; that Mindanao's wealth has been "siphoned off" through the years for the benefit of individuals or groups outside of Mindanao, especially Luzon and Metro Manila; and that Mindanao is grossly underrepresented in key positions in national government, both elective and appointive. Federalism is seen as the solution to this problem.

MinDA supports the shift to a federal form of government, which is also one of the top priorities of the current administration. In relation to this, MinDA has organized the Technical Working Group (TWG) for Federalism and All-Moro Convention as the think tank for the advocacy and constituency building efforts in Mindanao.





AWARENESS BUILDING AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

Likewise, the 3rd Mindanao Policy Research Forum, with the theme “Federalism: An Introspective Examination toward a Sustainable Decentralized Development,” was held in partnership with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) and the Ateneo de Zamboanga University (AdZU) last 07 September 2017 in Zamboanga City.

Apart from building a constituency for the cause, the forum showcased evidence-based researches from experts and provided a venue for a critical examination of the proposed shift to a federal form of government by both policy makers and stakeholders. The forum emphasized how Federalism can address the issue of sovereignty – the right to self-determination. Further, the forum notes that the transition from a unitary to a federal form of government takes a long time, as there are prerequisite laws and institutional arrangements that have to be in place.



MinDA Chairman Secretary Datu Abul Khayr Alonto presides the discussions on the proposed shift to a federal form of government and its impact on Mindanao's socio-economic climate during the third Mindanao Policy Research Forum in Zamboanga City.
Photo by Fritz Flores



Comprehensive Mindanao Peace and Development Plan

MinDA, guided by the policy reform imperatives of the Duterte Administration is pursuing a set of policy research and advocacy activities aimed at creating an enabling policy environment for the “integrated and balanced development of Mindanao.

One of the policies that MinDA specifically supported is the creation of a Comprehensive Mindanao Peace and Development, which when enacted will provide definitive national government support by providing funding over and above the regular amounts provided under the GAA of P650 Billion for 10 years for the specific priority programs/ projects in each of the following areas:

- Sustainable Transport System
- Universal Healthcare Program
- Education Reform
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- MSME Development
- Tourism Development

In the Senate Bill proposed by then Senator Alan Peter Cayetano (SB 74), MinDA is designated as the lead agency to monitor and coordinate these projects, reaffirming the agency’s mandate to address the need for a coordinated and integrated approach in the formulation and implementation of various Mindanao-wide inter-regional development plans, programs and projects. The proposed bill also aims to deliver the much-needed reform and development in Mindanao.



Secretary Alonto provides President Rodrigo Duterte with an overview of the situation and recommendations for Marawi way forward during one of the President's visits in the city. Photo by MinDA.

PRIORITY PROGRAMS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE MINDANAO PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH FUNDING



Sustainable Transport System



Education Reform



Agriculture and Rural Development



MSME Development



Universal Health Care



Tourism Development



One Mindanao for Marawi

MinDA has closely coordinated with the central command center for the convergence of humanitarian initiatives which provided more responsive and immediate relief assistance to families and individuals who were affected by the conflict in Marawi City.

So far, more than 6,000 family packs of relief goods have been distributed to IDPs especially the home-based who live with their relatives in Iligan City, Cagayan de Oro City and nearby areas. The team also explored collaborative efforts from partners and LGUs who immediately committed their resources to MinDA's call for humanitarian action dubbed as "One Mindanao for Marawi,"

The First Maranao Leaders is a joint initiative of MinDA, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) together with the provincial and

local government units of Lanao del Sur. It is a platform for inclusive discourse and information sharing and feedbacking with the end view of providing grounded inputs to the concerned national government agencies and partners involved as well as stakeholders of Marawi and Lanao del Sur.

The Maranao Leaders' Forum (MLF) had conducted series of public consultations and came up with recommendations contained in the 4-Year Comprehensive Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Development of Marawi City (CRRDM).

With the objective to help our Lumad brothers and sisters, as well as ensuring a more inclusive approach to peace and development, MinDA met with Smiles Foundation to conceptualize the 1st Mindanao Indigenous Peoples Summit which will be implemented in 2018.



MinDA-initiated efforts and interventions during and after the Marawi City siege.

One Mindanao for **MARAWI**

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Commerce and Industry**

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Commerce and Industry**

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TIMETABLE OF INITIATIVES FOR MARAWI REHABILITATION

June 28, 2017

President Rodrigo Duterte issues Administrative Order 3 creating an inter-agency Task Force for the rehabilitation, recovery, and reconstruction of Marawi and other affected municipalities



First Organizational Meeting
DND Conference Hall, Camp
Aguinaldo, Quezon City

DND Conference Hall, Camp
Aguinaldo, Quezon City

July 7, 2017



Indigenous Peoples (IP) for Inclusive Peace and Development

MinDA has facilitated the formulation of a development framework for the Indigenous People's (IP) and Indigenous Cultural Communities of Mindanao during the 7th Mindanao-wide IP Conference for Peace and Development on October 30-31, 2017 that resulted to the Joint Declaration "expanding and strengthening partnerships for the active engagements of IPs toward achieving a comprehensive peace and sustainable development in Mindanao". The Conference was also made platform as an initial advocacy on the IPs participation in the discussion of "Federalism."

MinDA also spearheaded the conceptualization of the design for the Mindanao Cultural Village Tourism Center. Site visits and data-gathering for the pilot modeling of

an Inclusive Business for IPs program were also held in Caraga, Davao Oriental for the Mandaya tribe. Once successful, the program will be rolled out to the rest of the IP communities in Mindanao in partnership with the German International Cooperation.

Several efforts to improve the services provided to the IPs, such as the construction of the 18 km. Sto. Niño-Nasilaban Road were also lobbied by MinDA for inclusion in the priority projects for 2018. Consultation with the Tribal leaders was conducted to provide a mechanism for the contractor to observe cultural sensitivities before and during the construction of the said road.

October 27, 2017

AO3 was amended by Administrative Order 9 transferring the operational control and supervision to the Chairperson of HUDCC



Turnover Ceremony of Temporary Shelters at

Barangay Sagonsongan,
Marawi City

December 27, 2017



Tawi-Tawi Ecozone and Freeport | Barter Trade Initiatives

President Duterte has instructed MinDA Secretary Alonto and National Security Advisor Hermogenes Esperon, among other cabinet secretaries, to spur security and development in the area of Tawi-Tawi. With this, MinDA and National Security Council (NSC) conducted its initial planning rounds for the development of the Tawi-Tawi Integrated Seaport and Economic Zone (TISEZ) banking on the existing sea line called the “Sibutu Passage” wherein at least 150 international cargo and tanker ships are traversing on daily basis.

MinDA spearheaded the drafting of an Executive Order that aimed to accelerate the integrated development of Tawi-Tawi Province to spur economic activity in the area. To enhance the viability of the proposed TISEZ, MinDA enrolled it as a major component of the Mindanao Development Corridors (MinDC) Program – the Bangsamoro Development Corridor - a priority under its Joint Planning and Programming with DPWH, DOT and DOTr and other agencies.

BARTER TRADE

Following the President’s directive during the 19th Cabinet Meeting held last 04 October 2017 in Camp Aguinaldo instructing the DOF, DND-AFP, DTI, MinDA, TESDA, OPA-OFW, BOC, and PNP to discuss and come up with a consolidated proposal for the restoration of the barter trade in Mindanao, MinDA conducted a focus group multi-sectoral consultation meeting on 28-29 October 2017 held in Zamboanga City purposely to engage and gather first-hand information from some of the key players of the barter trade.

MinDA is envisioning that the revival of “Barter Trade” as one of the development initiatives under TISEZ and the Bangsamoro Development Corridor, wherein setting-up of economic zone through corridor approach will enhance the barter trading and propel other economic activities in the areas involved.



Budayaw: The 1st BIMP-EAGA Festival of Culture and Arts

The successful conduct of the 1st Budayaw Festival hosted by Mindanao last year showcased a historical exchange of culture and the arts among the BIMP-EAGA member countries.

It has proven that BIMP-EAGA is a united regional sub-grouping, which goes beyond mere economic activities and connections. That we, as people who reside in the

sub-region are in touch with our histories, culture, and even differences. It has also promoted awareness and recognition of the sub-grouping to the youth.

The festival had an estimated audience of 26,000; 519 participants from the member countries, and reached 5 million stakeholders through multimedia platforms.

The Budayaw Festival is a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary gathering of art practitioners from the BIMP-EAGA sub-region with the aim of espousing cultural harmony among the member countries. Photos by Rosemarie Ann Baguio.



Enabling Communities to be Stewards of the Environment

The Mindanao Nurturing Our Waters (MindaNOW) Program helps to harmonize the management of Mindanao's natural resources through the responsible use and protection of our environment using the "ridge-to-reef" approach.

The program ensures that water, which is critical for human survival, is maximized through sustainable means. In 2017, the MindaNOW Program helped strengthen the River Basin Organizations (RBOs) in Mindanao through various capacity building activities. The following are the trainings and other initiatives that were provided in partnership with the DENR-River Basin Control Office:

Institutional Development

- *River Basin Organization Guidebook* that documents the lessons and experiences in the creation and establishment of river basin organizations draft prepared;
- *Creation and Management of River Basin Organization* training was provided to the DENR's River Basin Focal Persons in Mindanao;
- *Tagum-Libuganon River Basin Management Council* was formally established through the conduct of the 1st TLRB Stakeholders' Summit;
- *The Five-year Operational Plan* of Buayan-Malungon River Basin was crafted and presented to stakeholders;
- *The Addendum to the Executive Order No. 50* was submitted to the Office of the President to formally recognize the Mindanao River Basin Management Council;

Research and Development

- *Watershed Instrumentation and Monitoring* for Tagum-Libuganon and Davao River Basin Organizations;
- *River Basin Assessment and Documentation* skills training for Cagayan de Oro River Basin Organization; Policy Development/Advocacy
- *Policy study on the creation of the Lake Lanao Development Authority* within the Agus River Basin;

Resource Mobilization Project

- *Project Proposal Development* to access the People's Survival Fund (PSF) for the Technical Working Groups of

Mindanao River Basin, Agusan River Basin, Davao River Basin and Tagum-Libuganon River Basin; and,

Partnership Building

- *Partnership with Climate Change Commission, Environment and Climate Research Institute and Global Green Growth Institute* for Project Proposal Development for River Basin Organizations to access the Peoples' Survival Fund.

At a time when there is a renewed focus to Mindanao's economic development, the MindaNOW Program partnered with the USAID Building Low Emission Alternatives to Develop Economic Resilience and Sustainability (B-LEADERS) Project in providing an enabling environment to achieve environmental integrity and sustainable economic development. **Greenhouse Gases (GHG) Emission Inventory Studies** were completed in Zamboanga and Cagayan de Oro City. These studies are conducted in partnered with the LGUs and the results will aid them in crafting and implementing local policies to lower the GHG emissions in their respective localities. MinDA will replicate the study in all other cities in Mindanao.

Likewise, the Philippines – East ASEAN Growth Area Environment Cluster composed of representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources from the six (6) regions in Mindanao was also trained to conduct **GHG Inventory**. This initiative is in support to the BIMP-EAGA Vision 2025 which includes the lowering the GHG emissions of its member countries. Also, a **Carbon Sequestration Study** was also started in Zamboanga City that will provide a baseline data on it the capacity of its remaining forest cover to capture carbon and other GHG emissions.



Numerous initiatives with the goal of strengthening institutional connectivity has been pursued by the agency to ensure that Mindanao's ecological responsibility transcends to all stakeholders. Photos by Rosemarie Ann Baguio.



An aerial photograph of a coastal region in Mindanao. The top half shows a wide river or bay with numerous small boats and larger vessels. The bottom half shows a river flowing through a lush green mangrove forest, with industrial buildings and a large cylindrical structure visible on the left side.

CHAPTER TWO:

A Fully Connected Mindanao

“I dream of the day when a Mindanawon can have his breakfast in Davao, lunch in Cagayan de Oro City, and dinner in Zamboanga.”

Secretary Datu Hj. Abul Khayr Alonto
on his vision for Mindanao connectivity

An interconnected and globally-competitive Mindanao wherein opportunity and development is equally felt by all Mindananawons is the agency's overarching vision for the island-region. Photo by Raymond Peter Esperat.



The proposed integrated and coordinated transport network through the Trans-Mindanao High Speed Railway would greatly improve land inter-connectivity and in effect enable a faster-paced development in Mindanao extending it to even the far-flung regions.



The Mindanao Railway System

Among the priority projects long envisioned by Mindanawons is the construction of a Trans-Mindanao High-speed Railway that will facilitate faster and more efficient transport of people and commodities across Mindanao. One of the requirements for the operation of the railway is the creation of a corporation with original charter that would serve as a special purpose vehicle to plan, implement, operate, and manage the Mindanao Railways System.

The approved version by the House Committee on Transportation and on Government Enterprises and Privatization already includes MinDA in the proposed Mindanao Railways Corporation Board. If enacted through legislation, MinDA's inclusion in the Board of Directors

puts premium in situating the proposed integrated and coordinated transport network and its future expansion along planned development direction for Mindanao.

Furthermore, MinDA is pushing for a more responsive budget for Mindanao. An additional Php 603B is needed to finance Mindanao Development Corridors (MinDC) programs/projects over the next five years, including the Trans-Mindanao High Speed Railway System.

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Mindanao Development Corridors Plans Completed

In 2017, MinDA, in partnership with the Asian Development Bank completed the South Central Mindanao Corridor Development Framework. It is intended to guide policy and decision-makers in the selection of specific projects that will support the Corridor goals of interconnectivity, industry development and investments facilitation.

MinDA in partnership with USAID-Advancing Philippine Competitiveness Project in the conduct of the General Santos City Aerotropolis Conceptual Plan and the South Central Mindanao Ports

Study. Both initiatives complement the South Central Mindanao Corridor Framework as it looks in greater detail on two critical components of corridor interconnectivity.

The General Santos City Aerotropolis Conceptual Plan essentially proposes an indicative land use for about 2,200 of public and private land around the existing General Santos Airport.

This area includes the 605-hectare airport complex which is intended exclusively for airport operations and the surrounding area which is proposed to be developed for industrial, commercial, and mixed use. The plan has been presented to the City Government of General Santos

The Mindanao Development Corridors is a spatial strategy that ensures development is not limited to the existing urban nodes, but is spread out to the countryside through connectivity infrastructure, purposive investments facilitation, and by establishing policies that will attract and enable businesses to thrive.

for consideration into the city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

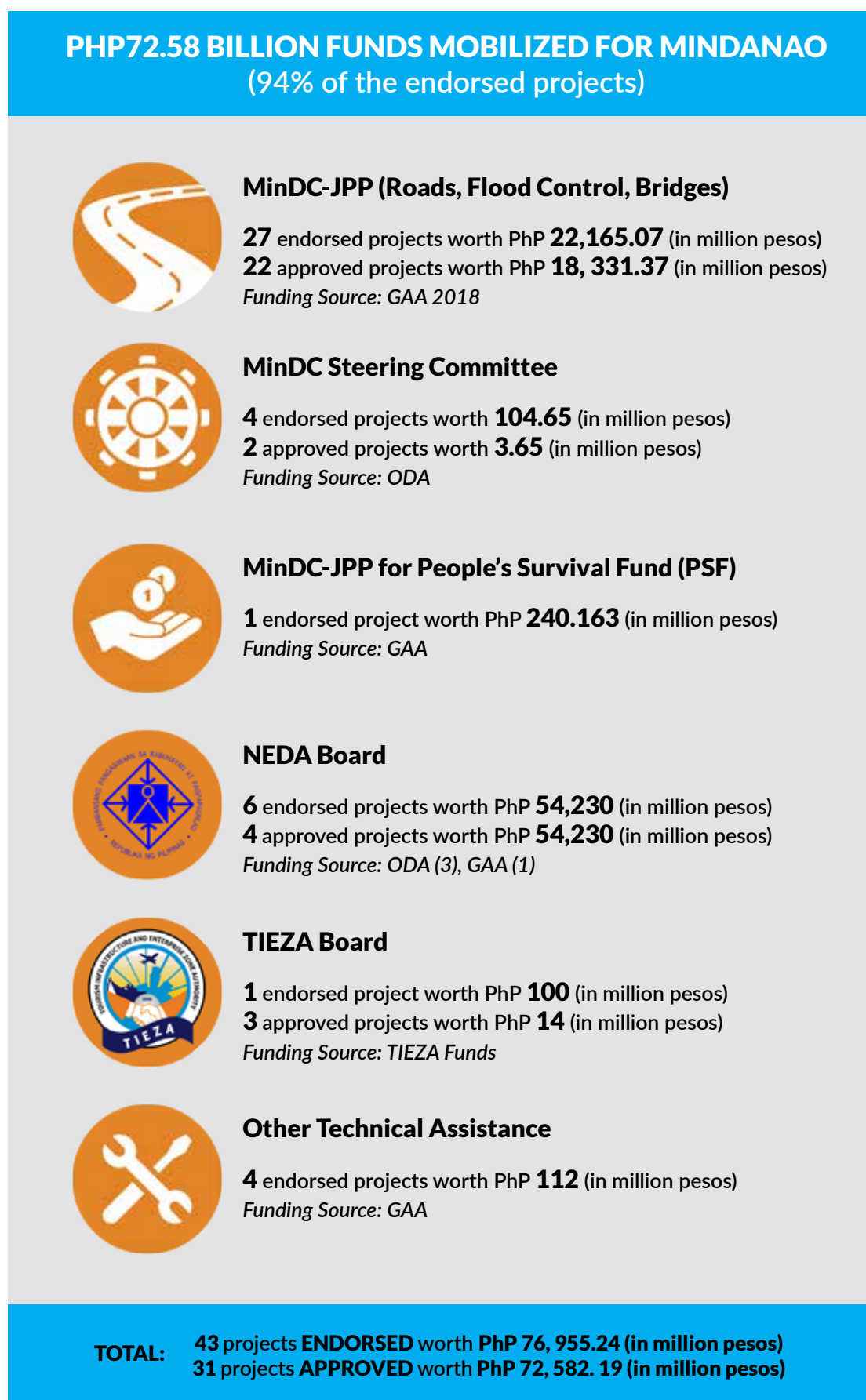
The South Central Mindanao Ports Study looks at the complementary and functional roles of the various public and private ports within the Corridor. This is intended to help inform government on the most ideal options for developing the ports to better support the industries and investments in the Corridor.



MinDA Chairman Secretary Datu Abul Khayr Alonto together with Executive Director Janet M. Lopez signs a memorandum of agreement with the Undersecretary Catalina Cabral of the Department of Public Works and Highways for the implementation of joint planning and programming initiatives in line with MinDA's spatial development framework - the Mindanao Development Corridors. Photo by Leoncio Rodaje.

In contribution to increasing public investments in Mindanao, MinDA through the Mindanao Development Corridors – Joint Planning and Programming (MinDC-JPP) mechanism, worked with National Government Agencies (both at national and regional level) and International Development Partners (IDPs) in prioritizing Mindanao-wide, interregional and multisectoral projects.

Specifically, these partnerships resulted to the following salient accomplishments:



72 Project Proposals/Concepts Prepared/Facilitated through Capacity Building for LGUs with Development Partners (Level 1)



Six (6) Road Projects with DPWH

Status: Output from FS/pre-FS preparation training
Pre-FS preparation ongoing



14 PPP Projects with PPP Center, UP-NCPAG, UP-SERP

Status: Output from PPP training; Review of Project Concept Notes (PCNs) ongoing



12 Tourism Projects with DOT-Mindanao, DOT-ARMM, and TIEZA

Status: Output from Ecotourism Rapid Assessment Model (ECORAM) Training



Seven (7) Multi-Sectoral Projects with FAO, UNDP, JICA

Status: Prepared by MinDA; four (4) endorsed to ODA partners



33 Climate Change Adaptation Projects with ECCRI, GGGI, CCC, FAO, and MKC

Status: Output from Peoples' Survival Fund (PSF) Training
One (1) project endorsed to PSF Board;
Two (2) projects being packaged by concerned LGU;
30 projects for enhancement with the assistance of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) under the Mindanao Knowledge Center (MKC)

108 Partners Trained on Project Development



52 PSF Trainings with ECCRI, GGGI, CCC

32 LGUs | 10 HEIs | 10 Mindanao Agencies



25 PPP Trainings with PPP Center, UP-NCPAG, and UP-SERP

12 LGUs | 11 HEIs | 2 Mindanao Agencies



13 ECORAM Trainings with DOT-Mindanao DOT- ARMM, and TIEZA

32 LGUs | 1 Mindanao Agency



18 FS/Pre-FS on Roads & Bridges Trainings with DPWH

12 LGUs | 16 Mindanao Agencies

Mindanao Development Corridors – Joint Planning and Programming (MinDC-JPP)

Supporting the operationalization of the MinDC Program is the Mindanao Development Corridors – Joint Planning and Programming (MinDC-JPP) which is platform to ensure integrated, coordinated, and rationalized planning and programming. It is a mechanism wherein MinDA and partner agencies discuss, plan, and prioritize catalytic projects for the three (3) development corridors and five (5) clusters.

Sector/Cluster/Topic	Agency	Milestones
Roads and Bridges	DPWH, Central offices (Planning, UPMO-FCMC, and Regional Offices)	Prioritized 43 interregional and strategic infrastructure projects (roads, bridges, flood control) which were allocated funding (Php 26.46 Billion in 2017 and Php 18.33 Billion in 2018) and are now being implemented by DPWH for the period 2017-2019
	DPWH-ARMM	
	National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Offices	
	Regional Planning and Development Office (RPDO)	Raised to the level of OP and DPWH, the implementation challenge affecting projects being implemented by DPWH central office in the ARMM.
Bangsamoro Development Corridors	Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) - Subject for expansion	<p>Facilitated the approval of the Agro-Cooperative Economic Zone (AECZ) project for BDA through FAO's Technical Cooperation Program (TCP) in the amount of Php2.65 million.</p> <p>Prioritized five (5) catalytic projects in the Bangsamoro areas for 2018-2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polloc Freeport and Ecozone • Halal Industry Development • MRB Flood Management Project • Tawi-Tawi Integrated Seaport and Ecozone • Connectivity Project (roads and bridges)
Tourism Projects	Tourism Infrastructure And Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA)	<p>Institutionalized project identification, evaluation and prioritization of TIEZA/DOT proposals. Please see attached as Annex B MinDC-JPP process flow for tourism development.</p> <p>Facilitated the submission of priority Tourism Assistance Centers (TACs) to TIEZA in support of the Go Mindanao project under the MinDC program.</p>

Sector/Cluster/Topic	Agency	Milestones
Statistics	Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)	Ongoing data gathering for BIMP-EAGA indicators
Disasters and Climate Adaptive Development Initiative (DCADI)	Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, Emerging Technology Research and technology (PCIEERD)	Identified Research agenda for Mindanao and established a system for identification, evaluation, prioritization and endorsement of research agenda for DRRM and CCAM.
People's Survival Fund (PSF)	CCC, ECCRI, DILG	<p>Trained 45 LGUs, generated 45 PSF proposals in coordination with CCC and assistance of ECCRI and GGGI, endorsed one (1) PSF proposal to DOF, the PSF interim secretariat.</p> <p>Trained 9 HEIs in PSF evaluation and will engage 9 in actual review and enhancement of 19 draft PSF proposals.</p> <p>Completed the inventory of the Mindanao LGUs in their readiness for accessing the PSF. Please see attached as Annex C Inventory of Mindanao LGUs with eCLUP, eCDP, VA and LCCAP.</p> <p>Established a system for identification, preparation, evaluation, prioritization and endorsement of PSF proposals.</p>

The Urban Master Plan will cover the linear cluster of urban areas along the physical backbone of the Pan-Philippine Highway from the City of Digos to the Municipality of Maco traversing thru the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Davao City, Island Garden City of Samal, Panabo City, Municipality of Carmen and Tagum City.



Metro Davao Urban Master Plan Started

The Metro Davao Urban Master Plan is intended to guide developments in Metropolitan Davao considering its rapid urbanization and adequately prepare for future developments in light of the increased interest in the area as the new investments haven of the Philippines.



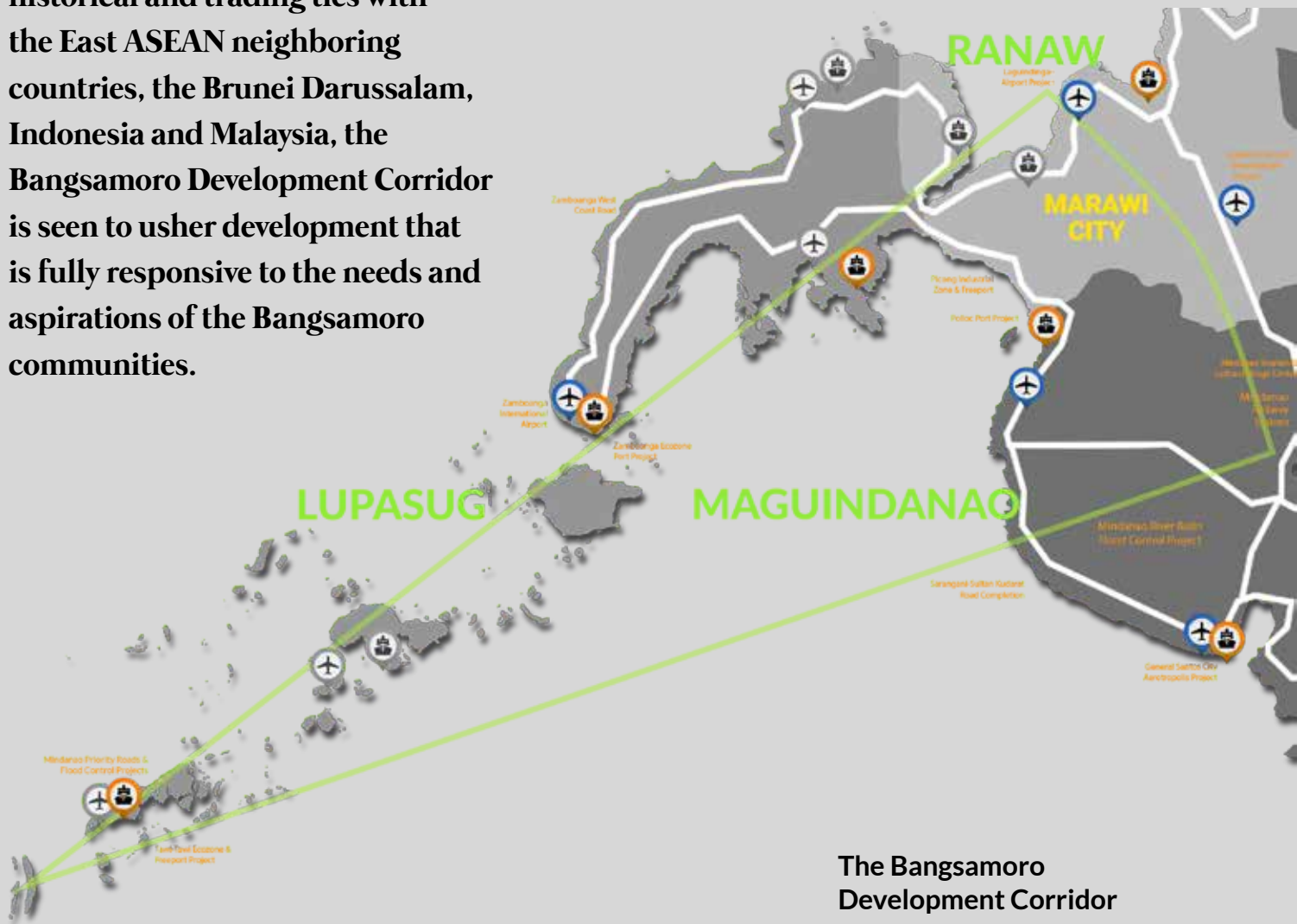
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A public consultation and a series of sectoral consultations were conducted in collaboration with the Local Government Units of the Davao region. The consultations generated the visions, concerns and inputs of the stakeholders which will become the basis for the plan.



Various stakeholders from different sectors of the society convened and mapped out their vision for an integrated Davao region during the first public consultation for the Metro Davao Urban Master Plan at the SMX Convention Center in Davao City. Photos by Feonna Marielle Lagmay.

With its rich natural and human resources, as well as the established historical and trading ties with the East ASEAN neighboring countries, the Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia, the Bangsamoro Development Corridor is seen to usher development that is fully responsive to the needs and aspirations of the Bangsamoro communities.



The Bangsamoro Development Corridor



Marawi Marshall Plan Drafted

MinDA, as part of the Task Force Bangon Marawi, initiated the preparation of a Marshall Plan that provides a roadmap for the immediate reconstruction of Marawi City including medium and long-term interventions to spur economic development in the City, its neighboring municipalities and the larger Bangsamoro Development Corridor.

In the immediate term, the Marshall plan involves short-gestating projects costing up to Php 5million to jumpstart local economic activities and restore normalcy.

Using template designs, the projects may include trading

centers and markets, school buildings and settlements, city roads and bridges repairs, restoration of power distribution lines, and provision of livelihood inputs.

In the medium term, the interventions will interconnect Marawi with regional markets and gateways such as inter-provincial roads and bridges, upgrading of gateways and other critical support infrastructure such as the Polloc Port, Cotabato Airport, Balo-I and the Mindanao River Basin Flood Control projects, and livelihood and business development programs and projects.

In the long-term, the Marshall Plan envisions large-scale projects intended for interregional connectivity and long-term industry development such as the Picong Freeport, Airport and Industrial Estate.



Agro-Economic Cooperative Zones

MinDA is pursuing the establishment of Agro-Economic Cooperative Zones (AECZs) in major production areas in Mindanao with high poverty incidence. Among the major accomplishment for 2017 is the the Agro-Cooperative Economic Zone AECZ project for the Bangsamoro Development Agency through FAO's Technical Cooperation Program (TCP) amounting to PhP2.65 million.

The AECZs is a poverty reduction initiative envisioned to help influence the transformation of selected areas in Mindanao from traditional agriculture into a more modern agribusiness with value-adding/processing. The program will promote rural development through the provision and improvement of necessary infrastructures and logistics, supporting small and micro enterprises (SMEs) through value-chain development and institutional strengthening to provide the enabling environment for investments.

It is also seen to increase linkages between farm production, agricultural services, industrial inputs, and agro-processing; and, promote effective and efficient mechanism towards the development of viable, sustainable, socially responsive and globally competitive cooperatives.



Area Management Offices

MinDA through its Area Management Offices was invited by the Department of Agriculture under Philippine Rural Development Program by the Department of Agriculture (Philippine Rural Development Plan/Regional Public Advisory Board) and Department of Agrarian Reform (Mindanao Sustainable Agrarian and Agriculture Development Project and Italian Assistance to Agrarian Reform Community Development Support Program) to provide technical support by reviewing project proposals for endorsement, approval, and funding.

The hard infrastructure projects and program support to enterprise were approved in 2017. This reaffirms MinDA's crucial role in identifying projects for Mindanao, which will have an inter-regional or Mindanao-wide impact.

Pursuing the development of agri-economic zones in Mindanao looks at enhancing the inherent agricultural bounty of the region and lodging it to more areas in the Philippines and to the rest of the world. Photos by Raymond Peter Esperat and Fritz Flores



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BIMP-EAGA Connectivity Projects

The Brunei Darussalam Indonesia Malaysia Philippines East Asean Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) is currently one of the main mechanisms being utilized to strengthen Mindanao's trade and economic linkages with its ASEAN neighbors. No less than the then Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN Integration Dr. Lim Hong Hin of Brunei, in his talk at BIMP-EAGA Conference 2015 in Davao City, reaffirmed that BIMP-EAGA has demonstrated the more effective "bottoms-up" integration, in the context of ASEAN.

Launch of the Davao/General Santos - Bitung RORO Shipping Service. The Philippines-EAGA group was able to successfully launch the Davao/General Santos - Bitung RORO shipping service. Witnessed by both President Jokowi Widodo of Indonesia and President Rodrigo Duterte, the launching of the said shipping service was done on 30 April 2017 at the sidelines of the of the EAGA and ASEAN summits.

The maiden voyage signaled the initial test run for the said route with the hope of stimulating trade activities between the border areas of Sulawesi and Davao provinces. To date, the voyage is slowly picking up its momentum after downgrading the size of the vessel from 500 TEU capacity to a 100 TEU capacity. Business networking sessions are


continually being undertaken for the purpose of generating more products and commodities to be traded along this route.

Signing of the Protocol on the Memorandum of Understanding on Air Linkages. The signing of this protocol provides greater opportunity for airline companies to expand its operation within the sub-region using co-terminalization points, which are the more progressive airline hubs in the BIMP-EAGA countries. For the Philippines, Cagayan de Oro was identified as an additional gateway with access to the fifth freedom right of commercial aviation.

Identification of the new set of Priority Infrastructure Projects (PIPs). Connectivity with its many facets continue to be the *raison d'être* of BIMP-EAGA. Fifty-seven (57) Priority Infrastructure Projects (PIPs) amounting to US\$21.4 billion aim to generate cross-border activities, promote access to markets, reduce trade and transport costs, and facilitate growth between neighboring production, export and consumption points. It is worth noting that from a mere US\$1 Billion worth of infra projects under the previous 2012-2016 Implementation Blueprint, investment cost jumped over 20 times bigger under BEV 2025.

Witnessed by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte and Indonesian President Joko Widodo, the launch of the Davao-General Santos-Bitung RORO Shipping Service in Davao City is a step closer in realizing seamless connectivity in the BIMP-EAGA sub-region and the greater ASEAN community. Photos by Raymond Peter Esperat





CHAPTER THREE:

A Mindanao Worth Investing

If there is one positive takeaway from the Marawi Siege which started back in May 23, it is the affirmation of Mindanao's resiliency and grit. We have shown to the country and the world that we can rise amidst adversities—again and again if that's what it takes.

Amidst all the challenges that has affected Mindanao, it has always remained true in its belief that it is ripe for business and is constantly brewing itself in becoming a favorable, globally-competitive, sustainable socio-economic landscape. Photo by Raymond Esperat



Halal Industry Development

MinDA is now actively pursuing initiatives geared towards the mainstreaming of the industry across the island-region, as well as diversifying investment opportunities in the Bangsamoro areas.

The market for Halal-certified products is huge and growing. Major consumer-based countries in the world are expected to have a double-digit growth in terms of per capita food expenditure. With the soaring global demand for Halal product, the Halal industry is becoming more lucrative and potential for businesses especially for the Bangsamoro producers and entrepreneurs.

MinDA, as member of the Philippine Halal Export Board (PHEB) under Republic Act 10817, lays down the advantages of Mindanao among other regions in the country. As the major food supplier of the country and home to the country's Muslim population, Mindanao is clearly a step ahead for Halal development.

MinDA also provided inputs in the finalization of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 10817, which was approved and published in national circulation on 11 August 2017.

Through participation in various Halal business matching mission in the Gulf Cooperating Council countries,

MinDA was able to position Mindanao as the (1) supplier of Halal products, (2) Halal Hub of the Philippines and (3) new tourism destination as an Island region home to Muslim Filipinos which opened the island for investors interested to explore the possibility of the setting-up Halal production centers.



MinDA Chairman Secretary Datu Hj. Abul Khayr Alonto promotes the potential of Mindanao as an Halal industry hub during a business matching session with delegates from the Middle East. Photo by MinDA.



Islamic Financing

MinDA is also pushing for the House Bill 492/ Senate Bill 668 or Islamic Banking Bill, which will amend the Charter of the Al-Amanah Islamic Investment Bank (AIIBP) and provide a legal framework to fully develop Islamic banking and finance in the country, addressing our desire for greater access to banking and financial services in tune with our beliefs and practices, as well as open opportunities for more investments from global Islamic financial institutions.

MinDA advocates for a strong Islamic financial system in Mindanao thru the liberalization of Islamic Banking services in the country and the strengthening of Al-Amanah Bank.

Once a strong Islamic financial system is in place, it will trigger inflow of investments that will benefit not only Muslims but also non-Muslims who intend to adhere to its basic principles. Islamic Finance and Banking is a crucial aspect in relation to promoting the competence of the Philippine Halal industry. For products and services to be considered truly Halal, funding and capital sources should be Islamic in nature.

MinDA facilitated and held (2) Round Table Discussions (RTD) on Islamic Finance landscape in the Philippines in 2017. These RTDs were learning sessions of other government agencies, such as Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and various units in the ARMM, and other Mindanao stakeholders for Islamic Finance and Banking.

In line with MinDA's membership in the Task Force Bangon Marawi, Islamic financing program for Marawi was pursued. MinDA corresponded with Board of Investments (BOI) and SB Corp., in considering financing requirements of the Maranao community affected by the siege. MinDA was also able to introduce Islamic microfinance as an alternative financial mechanism in the rehabilitation of Marawi City to potential funders or partners.

MinDA continues to render support and inputs to the Islamic Banking Bill that aims to rehabilitate the Al-Amanah Bank of the Philippines and expand Islamic banking system in the country. Lobbying for support for these bills were made through attendance to several consultations and serving as resource persons in the TWG meetings on the discussion of Islamic Finance Framework in the Philippines. MinDA has likewise submitted its position in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

MinDA pushed for the inclusion of the Islamic Finance and Banking activities in the priorities of the Halal Export Promotion Board's Halal Value Chain Philippines Plan and Program. In the aftermath of the Marawi Siege, MinDA has partnered with various institutions, such as AIIBP and ASA Philippines Foundation, for the offering of Islamic micro-financing services to affected businesses.



Mindanao Collective Trademark

The Mindanao Collective Trademark System (MCT) has two components namely the Mindanao Quality Seal and its advocacy campaign promoting Voluntary Standards. The Mindanao Quality Seal is the core representation of the Mindanao brand that we hope to market.

The MCT system project has officially started on 2017 with a series of stakeholder consultation and trainings, including an introductory training on Rainforest Alliance and Marine Stewardship Council and a formal training on Fairtrade. These activities were conducted to ensure that there are capacitated local trainers who will guide interested farmer organization towards voluntary standard certification.

Moreover these trainings can be used as models for the next three standards namely Global GAP, Organic, and Halal. The trainings and orientation were also instrumental in increasing the overall capacity of the MCT pilots and beneficiaries.



Inclusive Business Development

The Mindanao Inclusive Agri-Business Program (MIAP), which is a partnership with the Philippine Business for Social Progress-Mindanao (PBSP-Mindanao), aims to promote agricultural growth which translate into meaningful poverty reduction. In order to do so, it creates an enabling environment for inclusive business models that integrate poor and low-income people into the supply chain of agribusiness by offering solutions to their challenges – all while maintaining a viable business case.

Extended economic benefits to marginalized communities means to address entry barriers in terms of access to knowledge, information, credit and marketing actors.

For Mindanao, this also means a contribution to conflict transformation as poverty remains a key driver of insurgency and radicalization in rural areas. The program is currently implemented in partnership with the Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit Conflict Sensitive Resource and Asset Management (GIZ-COSERAM) project. The project aims at transforming conflicts in Mindanao by addressing its root causes. For 2017, the program focused on raising the awareness of the Mindanao stakeholders about the inclusive business opportunities. Among the agencies and sectors that MIAP reached out to are PIPP-registered businesses, the Department of Trade and Industry, civil societies, and the academe.

As a result, Inclusive Business is currently discussed by many different actors but with the efforts of the Mindanao Inclusive Agri-Business Program, their efforts were aligned with the program objectives, and a comprehensive enabling environment for inclusive business model development can be created.

International Investment Missions



SOUTH KOREA

July 18-22, 2017

Key City: Seoul

Production of red algae seaweeds products in Mindanao

Smart City IFEZ support for the global ecozone convergence and summit



CHINA

September 9-17, 2017

Key City: Nanning



MinDA Secretary Datu Abul Khayr Alonto represented the BIMP-EAGA Ministers during the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Seminar. China is one of the development partners of BIMP-EAGA, forged through a Framework of Economic Cooperation in 2009. This partnership has paved way for various technical assistance and learning exchanges, which were seen to facilitate some of the BIMP-EAGA projects such as the Sub-marine Terrestrial Cable System project.



This expansion of partnership with China is seen to have a major impact on the economy of the sub-region, by generating investments and access to its market through direct trade. BIMP-EAGA is particularly looking at China's One Belt, One Road initiative in boosting the trade and investments within and across the sub-region, while also achieving the long-term goal of a Pan-Asian connectivity. Photo by Kathy Mateo.

JAPAN

October 1-4, 2017

Key City: Tokyo

Proposed establishment of a processing plant for fruit concentrate & puree by Bio Actives Japan Corporation

FA-MAS Inc. International Tactical Security Group, Japan would like to expand their operation in Mindanao and provide security services and trainings on risk management. FA-MAS would like to partner with local security agency or any interested businessman from Mindanao

Oji Holdings Corporation, a leader in the pulp and paper industry in Japan intends to develop at least 50,000 hectares in Mindanao for acacia mangium plantation.



AUSTRALIA

August 5-12, 2017

Key Cities: Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane

Seven(7) Australian firms signed Letters of Intent (LOI) to invest in the Philippines for this roadshow in Australia. Four(4) of the LOIs are for IT-BPM investments, two(2) are in food manufacturing and packaging, while another one(1) was for a biomass power plant in Mindanao – SR Clean and Green Energy Inc. and FPC Funds Management, among others.





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Along with its mandate of ensuring reliable, sustainable, and affordable power for Mindanao, MinDA also looks at diversifying capacities with particular focus on renewable energy. Photos by MinDA.

The Mindanao Power Monitoring Committee (MPMC) pursued efforts to address the power situation in Mindanao by facilitating the introduction of 823 MW new power capacity, and another 560 MW additional power capacity in 2017.

The committee was able to organize and collaborate with critical stakeholders from the business sector, academe, non-government organizations, local government executives, and direct energy consumers to conduct various capacity building such as Power 101: Basic Understanding of the Power Industry, Updates in the Mindanao Power Initiatives, The Basic Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM 101) and other related events in key cities/regional centers in Mindanao.

The proposed establishment of a electricity spot market would eventually solve the dispatch and contract management issue in Mindanao as this will provide a legal mechanism to manage the power supply and demand in

the island. Due to the urgency of the need to establish an electricity market, the MPMC was able to start the biggest industry collaboration for a capacity building activity that started last year, in order to enhance the knowledge and appreciation of the Electric Cooperative Board of Directors and Management on the matters and issues relating to the WESM.

MinDA, in partnership with the Department of Energy (DOE), University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP), National Electrification Administration (NEA), Association of Mindanao Rural Electric Cooperatives Inc. (AMRECO), National Center for Electric Cooperative Consumers Inc. (NCECCO) and the Philippine Electricity Market Corporation (PEMC), facilitated and organized the said capacity building trainings.

With these priorities in place, the MPMC is looking forward to a more “empowered Mindanao” by “striking the balance.”



MinDA Chairman Secretary Alonto, along with Department of Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi, lead the launch of the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market at the SMX Convention in Davao City last June 28, 2017. The WESM is a mechanism intended to facilitate the entry of capacities that can be tapped in response to the growing energy demands of Mindanao. Photos by Fritz Flores and Kwin Chelsea Sarita

Another highlight of the MPDP is the establishment of the One-Stop Facilitation and Monitoring Center (OSFMC) which assists Renewable Energy (RE) developers in expediting the processing of permits necessary for the rapid deployment their projects in the island-region.

As of December 2017, the OSFMC was able to assist 34 RE applicants with a total potential capacity of 458.4MW. Such contributes to Mindanao's total potential RE capacity which is currently at 3,878.62 MW.

The OSFMC, in collaboration with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Building Low Emission Alternative to Develop Economic Resiliency and Sustainability (B-LEADERS) Project, is assisting in the facilitation five (5) renewable energy projects that are currently in the advanced stage of development. These projects are expected to come online in 2018, and are expected to contribute at least 199.2 MW of clean energy throughout Mindanao.





Institutional Strengthening Mechanisms

In pursuit of this mandate, MinDA, guided by the policy reform imperatives of the Duterte Administration and the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, is pursuing a set of policy research and advocacy activities aimed at creating an enabling policy environment for the “integrated and balanced development of Mindanao.”

At the core of these policies is the fulfilment of the vision and goals of Mindanawons to take charge of their own sustainable growth and development in peace and harmony, while enhancing the overall well-being of Mindanaowons with the environment. These reforms are imperative inasmuch as a number of current policies impede the attainment of these aspirations.



Partners for Change and Development

MinDA actively engaged partners and alliances in its policy research and advocacy work. This way, shared responsibility and ownership were promoted, skills were shared, and a greater impact was achieved, given the government’s meager resources.

- Institutions in Congress, such as the Mindanao Legislators Association and the House Committee on Mindanao Affairs, Committee on EAGA Affairs, and the various technical support staff of the Senate Committee heads were our partners for the advocacy efforts for the passage of various legislative measures, including the Mindanao Railways Corporation bill, PPP, Comprehensive Mindanao Peace and Development bill, and responsive Mindanao budget in the General Appropriations Act, among others.
- Business groups, such as the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry-Mindanao (PCCI-Mindanao), Philippine Export Confederation (PhilExport), and the Mindanao Business Council (MBC) were active in the push for policies in support of business and industry development in Mindanao, such as the fast tracking of Mindanao development corridor projects and the push for the creation of a Philippine Banana Council.

- Research and academic institutions, particularly the Mindanao Knowledge Center and the PIDS were MinDA’s active partners in the conduct of various policy studies for effective decision making, including various studies on Federalism and the study on the Institutional Arrangements for Lake Lanao.

- MinDA has early on pushed for inclusion to NEDA-Investment Coordinating Committee (NEDA-ICC) to strengthen MinDA’s mandate in planning and project approval. The NEDA-ICC is a committee of the NEDA Board that reviews and approves proposed major capital projects of the government (projects costing P2.5B or more).

MinDA is mandated through RA 9996 to review and recommend Mindanao-wide and Mindanao-specific inter-regional programs, projects, and plans by the national government and donor agencies for the approval of NEDA Board. In October 2017, President Duterte re-organized the composition of NEDA-ICC under Administrative Order No. 8 which included MinDA in the committee.

The inclusion of MinDA among the NEDA ICC members will ensure that Mindanao has an advocate in this project approval body, and consequently, improve the chances of funding priority programs and projects in Mindanao.

Section 6(d) of RA 9996, otherwise known as the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) Law, mandates MinDA to “advocate to the constituents of Mindanao, their elected representatives in Congress and the national government, national policies that will foster the integrated and balanced development of Mindanao.”



BIMP-EAGA Linkages

MinDA, in its capacity as the Philippine Coordinating Office for BIMP-EAGA has facilitated the submission of nominees and participation of Mindanao officials and representatives to the various capacity-building and other technical assistance programs provided by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

ADB has been BIMP-EAGA's Regional Development Advisor and longstanding partner in cooperation development for the wide range of projects, technical assistance and advisory services including transport infrastructure development, power interconnections, technical studies and database development. Through ADB's CTI program, BIMP-EAGA is gaining knowledge, experience and best practices on climate change adaptation and ecosystems approaches to natural resources management. For 2017, this involves specifically

the development of livable cities, through its support in the establishment of the BIMP-EAGA Green Cities Initiative.

Continued efforts in building capacities of BIMP-EAGA officials and strengthening institutional capacities are also underway. Similarly, invaluable assistance in the preparation of the BEV 2025 has been extended by ADB.

The year 2017 marked a significant milestone given the commencement of the implementation of the BEV 2025 which focuses on delivering three main outcomes:

1. Competitive and green manufacturing sector;
2. Sustainable, competitive and climate-resilient agro-industry and fisheries;
3. Sustainable, well-developed and connected multi-country tourism destination.

The BEV 2025 has adopted people-to-people, institutional and physical connectivity as its main approach to cooperation development.

The BEV 2025 period is aligned with the ASEAN Vision 2025: Forging Ahead Together in recognition of its crucial role as a building block in the ASEAN integration process. BIMP-EAGA has complemented ASEAN's role on policy coordination, harmonization, and standard setting by applying these policies and standards using the “test bed approach.” BIMP-EAGA will continue to pilot test and operationalize ASEAN-wide agreements and initiatives and will endeavor to strengthen linkages and complementarities with various sectoral plans. Plans are underway to conduct consultations at both the Secretariat and sectoral levels to identify and develop joint activities between BIMP-EAGA and ASEAN in 2018.



Support to Power Requirements of Farmer Cooperatives in Matalam, North Cotabato

In line with its overarching mandate of an improved life for every Mindanawon, MinDA through its Mindanao Power Development Program, has facilitated initiatives aimed at positioning communities as stewards and regulators of local resources.

One of the early gains identified under this initiative is the facilitation for donations of three 25 kva transformer units from the Davao Light and Power Company (DLPC) to the Mindanao Authentic Halal Promoters and Entrepreneurs

Association (MAHPEA) in Brgy. Kilada, Matalam, North Cotabato. The said equipment will help in the day-to-day operations of the MAHPEA's feed mill.

With a startup production of 2,500 heads of ducks and 500 chicken breeders, the transformers are expected to raise the number of poultry to 120,000 ducks and 3,000 heads. It is also poised to support around 500-2,000 raisers across Matalam.



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